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## A NOTE OF ALARM.

There is some danger of the friends of Judge Buffington and the Downing ticket being overconfident in the coming election, and leaving undone some things that might make for the success of the ticket. To all outward appearance it looks like Buffington and Swimmer would be elected by a large majority, but it is not impossible that a surprise might be in store and they be defeated at last. The National party appears to be tattered and torn by dissensions within their ranks, and without definite purpose before the people, but the rallying strength of that party has been tested before, and may be depended upon to get together. It will be the part of wisdom for the Downing party to be active from now till sunset Monday, and get out as full a vote as possible.

Another danger not to be ignored is that there are traitors in the Downing ranks who secretly covet the defeat of Buffington and Swimmer, and are surreptitiously working to that end.

Such defeat at this time would be nothing less than a national calamity. It would be a hard blow at the best interests of the Cherokee people, and would be an error that time could never rectify. It is no secret that the National party is opposed to rendering the government any assistance in the work of final settlement of tribal relations. It is no secret that the National party is pledged to obstruct and hinder the work of the Dawes commission in every way possible, and it is no secret that the National party is unalterably opposed to the treaty ratified at the polls last winter, or to any treaty whatsoever looking to the dissolution of the Cherokee government.

That the attitude of the Nationals at this time is dangerous needs no argument. That the party proposes impossible and impracticable measures every intelligent citizen must admit, and that the dogged, stoical and unreasoning position of the fullbloods of the Ka-too-wa party is against the personal interests of the whole country. Let the friends of progress, and sound, sensible public interest wake up and make the election of Buffington and Swimmer beyond the possibility of failure.

## MANY UNSETTLED QUESTIONS.

To the thoughtful and intelligent Cherokee the future is not rosy with promise of better conditions. A final settlement of tribal affairs is in progress, but not at a rate of speed that promises much in any definite time. The allotment of land and individual title is the thing above all else that is wanted by the Cherokees, but there are so many difficulties in the way that it may be long weary years before such a consummation can be reached. The magnitude of the task of placing every Indian citizen in the whole Indian Territory in possession of his individual share of the lands of his tribe is just beginning to be understood by the Dawes commission, and the length of time that it will take cannot be computed by the most careful and the best posted men in the country.

The position of the Dawes commission on the contention of the Delawares is destined to cause de-

lay and endless litigation. No agreement can ever be made that would yield a point so far-reaching, and from the Cherokees' standpoint so unjust. The courts will ultimately be called upon to settle the dispute. The roll of freedmen in the Cherokee nation is an open and an unsettled question, and will require considerable time for adjudication. The rights of freedmen have been determined by the courts, but a correct roster of those entitled to share in the tribal property has not been determined. All these, and many more questions equally serious are crowding to the front demanding attention, and must be settled before there can be any allotment of lands among the Cherokees.

On the eve of the election Cherokee voters should not forget that the freedmen steal of \$400,000 is not properly chargeable to the Downing party. True, a Downing chief was in the executive chair and should have prevented it, but the fact stands that there were fully as many National men mixed up in the affair as there were Downings. The gang of looters who perpetrated that outrageous crime are not the Downing party.

Next Monday's election will not clear away many of the difficulties and embarrassments confronting the Cherokee people. It will only name a new set of men who will have more or less to say in the winding up of tribal affairs. The Cherokees are very tired of the Mayes administration and its apologists and sympathizers. A sigh of relief will go up when it is ended.

Tulsa is talking of having an interterritorial fair this fall. If she does we suggest the troops be called out to keep the peace. If the same crowd controls the fair that runs the town it would not be a very safe place to go.

## Curiosities of Water Power.

Some interesting phenomena have been noted at the high fall water power plant at Fresno, Cal., where the Pelton wheels are operated under a fall of 1,411 feet and an enormous pressure and jet velocity are developed.

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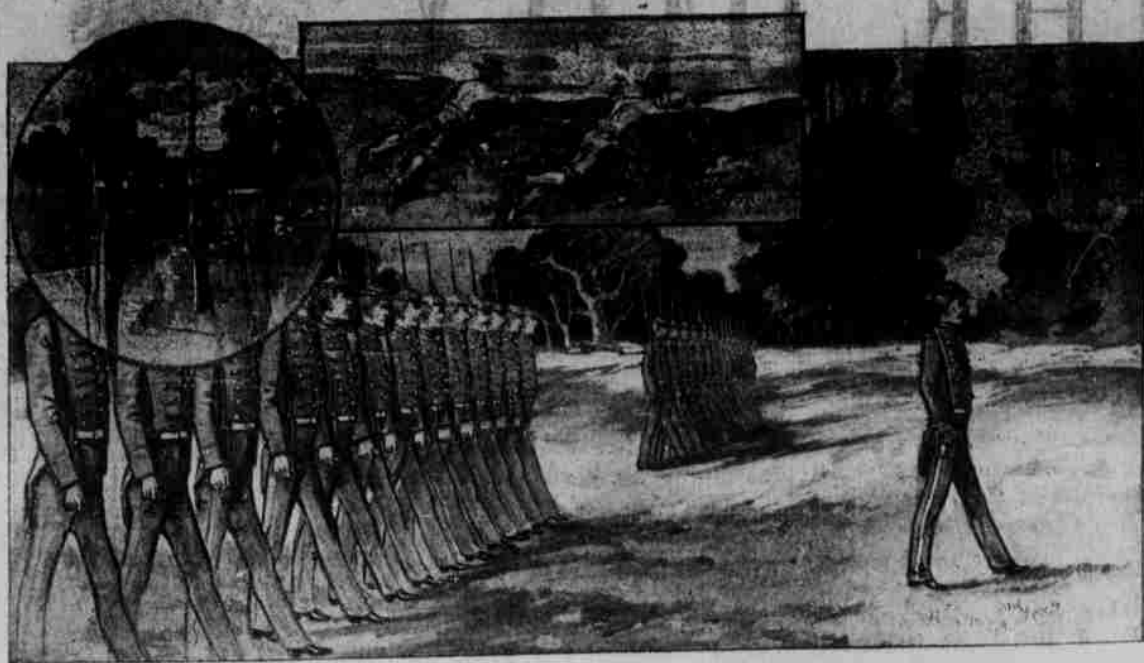
## Hard to Explain.

"Pa, has ice cream got a lap?"  
"No, no, Dickie. What a silly question."  
"Well, you said ice cream wuz a luxury, an then I heard ma say she wuz brung up in th' lap o' luxury, an I jes' want to know how it is."—Detroit Free Press.

Marlborough was, according to his contemporaries, the handsomest man of his day in Europe, as well as the most fortunate general who ever commanded an army. Cressy says of him, "He never fought a battle which he did not win and never besieged a city which he did not take."

He—I wish you wouldn't stop before every milliner's show window. She—Well, let's go inside.—New York Journal.

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The Phoenicians were the first to erect fortified cities on the Mediterranean sea.

Example.  
Uneasy Passenger (on an ocean steamship)—Doesn't the vessel tip frightfully?  
Dignified Steward—The vessel, mum, is trying to set a good example to the passengers.—Strand Mag.

A Difficulty Noted.  
"They say every man is the architect of his own fortune."  
"That may be, but usually he can't get intelligent contractors to carry out his ideas."



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